

March 17, 2005

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF HARLANDALE INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEM-
BER TOMAS URESTI

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedication of Harlandale Independent School District Board Member Tomas Uresti, of my Congressional District for a lifetime of distinguished public service.

Tomas Uresti is a long time Harlandale resident, and a former school employee. He has proudly served the Board of Trustees since 2002, and currently serves as Secretary of the Board. Mr. Uresti is a committed servant to the community of Harlandale, and has served as Board President, Building Committee Member, and Policy Committee Member.

Over the last 25 years he has committed his time to coaching the students of the community in softball, basketball, and baseball. He has served as a mentor at Gillette Elementary School, Kingsborough Middle School, and Harlandale High School.

Along with his many accomplishments to the people of Harlandale Independent School District, Tomas Uresti has six children and one granddaughter with his wife Rosemary, three of which are graduates of Harlandale High School.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have had this opportunity to honor Tomas Uresti for his hard work and contributions to the community.

A TRIBUTE TO JUDY S. WONG,
29TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR—2005

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women during the month of March. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District.

I would like to recognize an outstanding woman in my Congressional District, the Honorable Judy S. Wong. For many years, Judy has brought an abounding spirit and energy to her service in the community. Those fortunate enough to meet and work with Judy instantly recognize her dedication and passion for helping others, especially women and children.

Born in Taiwan, Judy moved to the United States in 1977 and to Temple City in 1986. She was an active member of the Temple City Chinese American Association for several years, serving as President for 2 terms. For several years, Ms. Wong has been a member of the Gang Advisory Committee and the Asian Community Advisory Committee for the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, Temple City station. Also a volunteer at the Asian Pacific Family Center, she works with parenting classes.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

In 2003, Judy was elected to the City Council of the City of Temple City and is the first Chinese American member to be elected to that body.

Judy is an advocate of valuing diversity and embracing the richness of all cultures represented in our country. She organized a "Support our Kids" forum to help address common problems faced by people from different ethnic backgrounds. Utilizing her skills in the Chinese language, she volunteers her services as an interpreter to the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department, Temple City station, assisting victims of domestic violence. Judy also provides interpretation for many different schools in the San Gabriel Valley area.

In addition to her many civic duties and responsibilities, Judy is the proud mother of Anthony, who attends Arcadia High School, where she is also a volunteer.

I ask all Members to join me today in honoring an outstanding woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Judy S. Wong. The entire community joins me in thanking Judy for her success and continued efforts toward making the 29th Congressional District a more enjoyable place in which to live and work.

AFFIRMING THE TRUTH ABOUT
THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Ambassador to Armenia, John Evans, in public forums with the Armenian community, recently characterized what President George W. Bush has described as an "appalling tragedy of the 20th century, the massacre of as many as 1.5 million Armenians through forced exile and murder at the end of the Ottoman Empire," as Genocide.

I rise today to join with Ambassador Evans and other public officials who have affirmed the truth and recognize that reconciling with the past is an important first step in creating a better future. Recognition of the Armenian Genocide is widely acknowledged. One hundred and twenty-six Holocaust scholars publicly affirmed the incontestable fact of the Armenian Genocide during the 30th Anniversary of the Scholars' Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches. And in 1981, former President Ronald Reagan stated: "Like the genocide of the Armenians before it, and the genocide of the Cambodians which followed it—and like too many other such persecutions of too many other peoples—the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten."

In addition, a recent study released by the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) on the use of the term Armenian Genocide and the applicability of the 1948 Genocide Convention to events which occurred during the early twentieth century in Ottoman Turkey, found that "the Events, viewed collectively, can thus be said to include all of the elements of the crime of genocide as defined in the Convention, and legal scholars as well as historians, politicians, journalists and other

people would be justified in continuing to so describe them."

As we approach the 90th commemoration of the Armenian Genocide, we must ensure that we do not forget the lessons of the past. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, in the Preface to the Encyclopedia of Genocide, published in 1999 by the Institute on the Holocaust and Genocide in Jerusalem, writes: "It is sadly true what a cynic has said, that we learn from the history that we do not learn from history. And yet it is possible that if the world had been conscious of the genocide that was committed by the Ottoman Turks against the Armenians, the first genocide of the twentieth century, then perhaps humanity might have been more alert to the warning signs that were being given before Hitler's madness was unleashed on an unbelieving world."

Mr. Speaker, let us never forget and let us affirm the truth.

A TRIBUTE TO JACK NICKLAUS'
ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER IN GOLF
AND LIFE

HON. CHARLIE NORWOOD

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 17, 2005

Mr. NORWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Jack Nicklaus for his service to our Nation, the game of golf and the Masters Tournament. Few events in the world of sports compare to the beauty and grace of the Masters Tournament in Augusta, GA. There is no one that has won more Masters' titles than Jack Nicklaus. He is the owner of six coveted Green Jackets.

Early in his career, Jack Nicklaus became the role model for an untold number of individuals aspiring to play the game of golf. He has also become a role model for millions of people for his personal values, particularly his dedication to family.

Named the Golfer of the Century and Golfer of the Millennium by every major media outlet, Jack Nicklaus' record stands unparalleled at the top of the golf world. He has collected more than 100 professional victories worldwide. This includes 73 PGA Tour victories and 10 more on the Champions Tour. He has won a record 20 major championships: 6 Masters, 5 PGA Championships, 4 U.S. Open Championships, 3 British Opens, and 2 U.S. Amateur titles. In his career he has been the top money-winner 8 times, number one in scoring 8 times, and has recorded 20 holes in one. Jack Nicklaus has been a member of six Ryder Cup teams, captained two others, and this fall, he will serve for the third time as captain of the U.S. Presidents Cup team.

Many things have been said about Jack Nicklaus. At the 1962 World Series of Golf, Arnold Palmer rose to make the following statement, "Jack Nicklaus is just a youngster and a newcomer to the professional ranks. But you gentlemen saw one of the greatest out there today. He'll be a headliner for a long time and could put together the greatest career the game has ever known. He has everything."

In addition to Jack Nicklaus and his sons/family growing the game of golf by designing

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